



# The Home Asthma Response Program

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**(HARP)**



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Did you know that asthma is the most common chronic illness for children? **We can help you.** The Rhode Island Department of Health's Asthma Control Program offers the Home Asthma Response Program (**HARP**) to help decrease the number of emergency room visits or hospital admissions for children who have asthma.

HARP includes up to three visits, in your home, from a Certified Asthma Educator (AE-C) and a Community Health Worker (CHW). HARP has AE-Cs and CHWs who speak English and Spanish.

### Who is eligible for HARP:

- Children age 2 to 17 who also have asthma;
- Anyone who lives in Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, or Woonsocket;
- Any child who has been to the emergency room to treat asthma two or more times in the past year; or
- Any child who has been admitted to the hospital in the past year to treat asthma.

Anyone enrolled in Medicaid or private health insurance – there should be no out-of-pocket cost for the patient.



### What You Can Expect

1. Your child's doctor will call the Community Asthma Program at Hasbro Children's Hospital and tell them your child needs HARP. Someone from HARP will check to be sure you and your child are eligible.
2. A HARP home visitor will call you to schedule the first home visit. The first home visit lasts about one hour. During the visit, you will fill out paperwork and look for things that may trigger your child's asthma or make their asthma symptoms worse.
3. During the second and third visits, everyone who lives in the house will learn how to help your child manage asthma symptoms. You will also get free HEPA vacuums, food storage containers, and cleaning supplies to help decrease dust, mold, and pollen in the house.
4. After the home visits, the HARP home visitor will call you to see how your child is doing. Someone will call four months after the last home visit and then again eight months later.

If you think your child may be eligible for HARP ask your child's pediatrician to contact the Community Asthma Program at Hasbro Children's Hospital.

